

sharing the stage with Coleman Hawkins, Slam Stewart, and Erroll Garner. One of the earliest of Mr. Heath's own big bands (1947–48) in Philadelphia included John Coltrane, Benny Golson, Specs Wright, Cal Massey, Johnny Coles, Ray Bryant, and Nelson Boyd. He also played with and composed for Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Kenny Dorham, Milt Jackson, and Art Blakey. During his career, Mr. Heath has performed on more than 100 record albums, including 7 with The Heath Brothers and 12 as a leader. He has also written more than 125 compositions, many of which have become jazz standards, including C.T.A., and Gingerbread Boy. He has minted over 20 critically acclaimed recordings, including Really Big!, Love and Understanding, New Picture, Little Man, Big Band, and Endurance.

Mr. Heath first worked as an educator with Jazzmobile, New York City's premier not-for-profit jazz program. In 1987, he was appointed Professor of Music at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College, City University of New York. Professor Heath created the Jazz Program at Queens College, where he taught and mentored a generation of musicians, before retiring in 2004. He also taught jazz at Housatonic College and The New School for Social Research. In October 1997, two of Mr. Heath's former students, trumpeters Darren Barrett and Diego Urcola, placed first and second in the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition.

Mr. Heath is among the most honored of our nation's musicians. In 2003, he was presented with the prestigious National Endowment for the Arts, NEA, Jazz Master Award. He is the recipient of three honorary doctorates, including one from Julliard. He is the first jazz musician to be so honored by Julliard and has also received The Julliard Service to the Arts Centennial Award. He has received 3 Grammy Nominations, Howard University's Benny Golson Award and The Thelonious Monk Founder's Award among many other honors.

In 2010, he co-wrote *I Walked With Giants: The Autobiography of Jimmy Heath*, with Joseph McLaren (Temple University Press). Mr. Heath is still actively creative as a tenor and soprano saxophonist, composer and arranger.

Mr. Speaker, Jimmy Heath is a living jazz treasure and I urge all members to join me in commending him for his magnificent contribution to American and World culture.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL  
GALLAGHER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Michael Gallagher, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council serving the Fifth District.

In 1999, Councilman Gallagher began his public service career as a member of Strongsville's City Council, a position he held for eleven years. During his time as a Strongsville Council member, he served on or chaired most of the council committees, served as a representative of the council to the Strongsville School Board and served as president for his final three years before his

2010 resignation. In 2009, he retired as Deputy Court Administrator of Ohio's Eighth District Court of Appeals in order to fulfill a campaign promise for his election to the Cuyahoga County Council.

Councilman Gallagher was elected to the Cuyahoga County Council in 2010 and is now the Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Some of his achievements outside of public office include his membership in the Strongsville Rotary Club and Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. He has served as a Trustee on the Hospital Board of Southwest General Hospital for more than ten years and founded the Strongsville Youth Commission nine years ago. As a result of his dedication to his community, Councilman Gallagher was the recipient of the 2007 Franklin A. Polk Public Servants Award granted by the Cuyahoga County Bar Foundation.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Councilman Michael Gallagher, a dedicated member of the Cuyahoga County Council.

HONORING JANE SMITH OF  
ESSEXVILLE, MICHIGAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2012 a dedicated public servant and civic leader, Jane Smith, passed away and it is fitting that we honor and recognize her public service and commitment.

Jane Smith's inspired leadership, vision and courage has been an immense inspiration to those who believe every human being is endowed with dignity. She spent more than 30 years working to ensure the well-being of our most vulnerable children as a child protective services worker for the State of Michigan. When Robert F. Kennedy was asked how his obituary should read, he responded that he hoped that he made a contribution that improved the world by lessening the suffering of children. For her entire adult life, on a daily basis, Jane Smith lessened the suffering of children. After she retired, Jane Smith continued her compassionate life and dedication. She volunteered on political campaigns, was an active member of the Bay County Democratic Party and in 2004 was appointed chair of the Bay County Department of Human Services Board. She also actively supported the Alice and Jack Wirt Library.

Jane Smith was born May 7, 1945 in Pontiac, Michigan. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1963 and Michigan State University in 1967. She is survived by her brothers, nephews nieces and great-nieces and nephews and her many friends who deeply miss her wit, opinion and stories.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Jane Smith, a woman whose life was an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA  
INDUSTRIES FOR THE BLIND

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Virginia Industries for the Blind, an Ability One organization that began in Charlottesville that empowers blind and visually impaired Virginians in achieving their maximum level of employment and career development.

With 19 locations throughout Virginia, the organization employs approximately 150 people, including over 100 whom are blind or visually impaired.

In May, I had the opportunity to witness firsthand the good work that Virginia Industries for the Blind does for our local communities. Virginia Industries for the Blind operates retail stores on military bases and in federal buildings throughout Virginia. From making the mattresses used by our heroes in the United States Navy to the reflective vests that hard-working Virginians depend on for safety, Virginia Industries for the Blind gives back to our community in more ways than one.

Today, I hope my colleagues will join me in commending Virginia Industries for the Blind for their service to our local communities.

IN HONOR OF BONADINE P.  
"BONNIE" NGUYEN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bonadine P. "Bonnie" Nguyen who passed away on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at the age of 70 after battling an illness over the past three years. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Le; her four sons Paul, Matthew, Andrew, and Jason; her brother, Richard; and her two sisters, Carol and Tina.

Bonnie was born on June 16, 1942 in Columbus, Ohio and lived there until moving to the Cleveland area where she spent the last 31 years of her life. She became a Licensed Practical Nurse, a profession she held for 34 years, and spent most of her career with the Century Oak Care Center in Berea, Ohio—a center that opened in 1987 as a response to an increased demand in quality nursing home facilities.

When not working, she enjoyed traveling with her mother and spending time with her children; attending weddings, picnics, and family get-togethers; dancing; and watching Cleveland Indians baseball.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the life of Bonnie Nguyen.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL OVARIAN  
CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 12, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National